

**PATENT**

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5    **Applicant:**                    Alok Srivastava                    **Confirmation No.:** 6477

**Application No:**        10/798,545                    **Group Art Unit:** 2161

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**Title:** *Method and apparatus for integrating data from external sources into a database system*

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     Commissioner for Patents  
     Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

**Summary of the prosecution**

20    Examiner mailed a first Office action on 9/11/2006 in the above application in which he  
     objected to the *Abstract* as having more than 150 words and rejected all of the claims. Claims  
     1,3,5,7,9,11,13, 15,17,19,21,23,25, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being  
     anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,995,961, Levy, et al., *Information manifold for query processing*,  
     filed 11/7/96 and issued 11/30/99 (henceforth "Levy"); claims  
25    2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being  
     obvious over the combination of Levy and Official Notice. Applicant is amending his *Abstract*  
     so that it is no more than 150 words long and is traversing the rejections of the claims.  
     Applicant is also noting an error in the spelling of the inventor's name.

30    **Please replace the present Abstract with the following Abstract**